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SUBJECT: BANGLADESH DELEGATION TO COLOMBO NAC

REF: A) DACCA 3791; B) DACCA 3823

1. THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS ANNOUNCED ON AUGUST 3, ACCORDING TO DACCA NEWS ACCOUNTS, THAT BOTH THE PRESIDENT AND CHIEF MARTIAL LAW ADMINISTRATOR, A.M. SAYEXOUND DCMLA, MAJOR-GENERAL ZIAUR RAHMAN, WILL ACCOMPANY THE BD DELEGATION TO THE COLOMBO NAC. A 12-MEMBER TEAM WAS ANNOUNCED. THE NAMES OF THOSE DELEGATION MEMBERS NOT INCLUDED IN REFTTEL A ARE:

- A) JUSTICE ABDUL HAKIM, HIGH COMMISSIONER IN SRI LANKA;
- B) M.R. SIDDIQUI, AMBASSADOR TO US;
- C) SHAMSUR RAHMAN, HIGH COMMISSIONER TO INDIA;
- D) SYED NAZIMUDDIN HASHIM, A DIRECTOR-GENERAL IN THE MFA.

ACCORDING TO THE PRESS ACCOUNT, BANGLADESH IS EXPECTED TO SEEK MEMBERSHIP IN THE NON-ALIGNED COORDINATING COMMITTEE.

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2. COMMENT. FOREIGN SECRETARY TABARAK HUSAIN TOLD THE

AMBASSADOR THE EVENING OF AUGUST 3 THAT HE AND GENERAL ZIA
WILL DEPART DACCA AUGUST 9 FOR COLOMBO VIA BANGKOK AND WILL
RETURN AUGUST 19. THE BDG, HUSAIN SAID, IS INTERESTED
IN THE COLOMBO SUMMIT MAINLY FOR THE OPPORTUNITY IT PRE-
SENTS FOR DISCUSSIONS OUTSIDE OF THE REGULAR MEETINGS, RE-
FERRING TO THE LATTER AS A "SET PIECE." WE PRESUME FROM
THIS REMARK THAT THE BDG LEADERS INTEND, AS GENERAL
ZIA DID AT THE ISLAMIC FOREIGN MINISTERS CONFERENCE, TO

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ESPECIALLY ITS RELATIONS WITH INDIA, AT LEAST ON AN
INFORMAL BASIS. THE HIGH LEVEL OF REPRESENTATION, THE SIZE
OF THE BANGLADESH DELEGATION AND THE DESIRE TO OBTAIN
A SEAT ON THE NACC ARE FURTHER INDICATIONS OF THE BDG'S
CONTINUING EFFORTS TO USE INTERNATIONAL FORA TO DRAW
ATTENTION TO AND HOPEFULLY GAIN SUPPORT FOR THE DOMESTIC
AND BILATERAL PROBLEMS WITH WHICH IT IS PREOCCUPIED.
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